

The morning, we were getting prepared for the announced cold and the wind of the beach. Two pairs of socks, two T-shirts, two pullovers and many scarfs. I even hesitated to take two pants ! The rendering was not great, as we looked like coloured polar bears, but at least we could hope it would be efficient.

When we got out of our correspondant's house, it was 7°C in Braga. There was little wind and yet we could feel the biting cold.

Some of us went to their correspondant's classes. Hemma and I assisted to a Portuguese lesson. The teacher wanted to meet us. She was very nice. We learnt about a Portuguese poet of the 16th Century, Luis de Camões. She made us read his love sonnet " Maldita a hora" in French ! Then, we all gathered at 8:30 next to the bus and left a few minutes later.

We stopped next to the river Calvado

where a guide made a guided tour of the river border. We learnt that Calvado river where an important place where a lot of fishes and birds were coming to get food. Thus, we were able to see some sea birds, like sanderlings.



Then we went on a walk all along the beach (we had to be careful, because the guide told us there might have been birds' nests in the sand). There was a lot of wind so we were really cold, but we made a lot of wonderful pictures of the landscape.



After the walk, we had our meal in a Parc,
in where there were roman remains,





including a settlement and a parish (a roman refuge transformed by Christians in a church).

We finally went to see a replica of a 16th Century boat, the Vila da Conda. We could only see it from the outside, but still it was beautiful.



Once we got back from our trip, the students hung out in the city centre. We played a giant game of hide and seek and then we went in a restaurant to eat.



We ended the day by an orchestra in the school's theatre, with typical instruments from braga, like the mandolina et madolin, the cavaquinho (the ukuleles ancestor) the guitar of Braga. It was amazing, and we all enjoyed the pieces!

